Reply of Government.—Their assistance may be availed of by Amildars with the consent of the Inspector General of Registration. No special orders are required.

Subject No. 55. Stamp on goni chits.

Summary of discussion.—Leases involving an annual rent of less than Rs. 50 may be exempted from Stamp duty.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa proposes a limit of 100 for the exemption.

Reply of Government.—The members are referred to the reply to Subject No. 86 of 1896. If in any individual case an appeal be preferred against the refusal to register an unstamped lease of the kind, the matter would be referred to the Chief Court, and a ruling obtained.

Subject No. 56. Advocates' and Pleaders' fees in Small Cause Cases.

Summary of discussion.—Para 5 of the Civil Rules of Practice, No. 91, dated 2nd August 1897, issued by the Chief Court of Mysore, is as follows :—

" *Unless the Court declare otherwise in its judgment*, the amount to be allowed on account of Advocates' and Pleaders' fees in Courts of Small Causes or in cases of a nature cognizable by a Court of Small Causes shall be, in suits not exceeding—

Rs. 20 in value, Rs. 2.
Rs. 50 „ Rs. 3.
Rs. 100 „ Rs. 5."

The Judges of the several Courts interpret the words in *italics* in the above as they choose and award fees at their pleasure. A definite ruling may therefore be issued in the matter.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Chief Court.

Subject No. 57. Applications for copies of documents in Civil Courts.

Summary of discussion.—Much inconvenience is felt in applying for and obtaining copies of documents in Civil Courts. Orders similar to those issued in Government Proceedings No. 13280—314-1388, dated 18th February 1894, in regard to searches for documents in Revenue Records may be passed as regards copies to be obtained from Civil Courts.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Chief Court.

Subject No. 58. Properties attached under decrees of Civil Courts to be sold in places where they are situated.

Summary of discussion.—Properties attached in execution of decrees may be ordered to be sold in the places where they are situated instead of near the Court house. The head-quarters of the Court being at a considerable distance, bidders are rare, and the judgment-debtor suffers. Judges rarely exercise the discretion vested in them to direct sales on the spot. For fear of further trouble, the judgment-debtor not infrequently absents himself from Court and does not apply for sale on the spot.

Reply of Government.—The attention of the Representatives is drawn to the reply to Subject No. 39 of 1897. The matter will be referred to the Chief Court.